Availability of doctors and medicines in Ayurvedic Dispensary Janak Puri

1550. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that availability of doctors and medicines in the Ayurvedic Dispensary at C-4, Janak Puri, New Delhi run by CGHS has not been satisfactory;

(b) the sanctioned strength of doctors for the said dispensary and the deployment of doctors during the last six months, indicating the number of working days on which only one doctor was available causing inconvenience both to the beneficiaries and the doctor concerned; and

(c) the steps proposed to improve the functioning of the dispensary with special reference to the supply of medicines which are mostly inadequate and not available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The sanctioned strength of doctors for CGHS Ayurvedic dispensary Janakpuri is 3 (three) and from the available strength of doctors with the CGHS, two doctors have been posted at the Janakpuri dispensary. The second doctor posted in this dispensary was occasionally sent for relieving duties to the other units for meeting exigency of services due to the incumbents proceeding on leave, transfer, etc. which resulted in only one doctor remaining on duty at the Janakpuri Ayurvedic dispensary.

The details of deployment of doctors is as under:—

Month	No. of working days	No. of days on which single doctor was available
Feb., 2001	23	23
March, 2001	25	25
April, 2001	20	15
May, 2001	26	5
June, 2001	25	21
July, 2001	26	9
TOTAL :	145	98

Total No. of working days	—	145
Total days on which leave availed/ Relieving duty performed in other units in case of exigencies	—	98
No. of days with full strength of doctors	—	47

(c) The supply position of medicines in this dispensary is adequate.

Costly treatment for heart disease and Cancer

†1551. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most common people in the country are unable to get proper treatment due to costly treatment of heart disease and cancer;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to make such an arrangement so that general masses can also get themselves treated;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Diseases like cancer and heart disease require institutionalized management with facilities having advance equipments such as Cobalt and ICU, etc. Resources being limited it may not be cost effective to have large number of facilities throughout the country. Hence, most of these are located in big cities and provide treatment to people from all States of the country.

(b) to (d) No fee is charged from any of the patients for treatment in the Central Government Hospitals. The indoor patients, except those in nursing home/private wards, are also provided medicines free of cost. Most of the other Government hospitals, Medical Colleges and Regional Cancer Centers, etc. provide free treatment to poor patients. Seven States are availing assistance from the World Bank for strengthening their Health Delivery System by improving infrastructural facilities, equipments, manpower, etc. Other States have been requested to prepare similar projects to avail assistance of World Bank.